

indistinguishable trails long ago abandoned by prospecting miners. These aren't legitimate roads.

Back in May, along with Representative UDALL, I sent a letter to Secretary Norton—signed by 100 members of the House, including the ranking member of this subcommittee, Mr. DICKS and the ranking member of the Resources committee, Mr. RAHALL—urging the Administration to reconsider this rule. It has been nearly 2 months since we sent this letter and there has been no response.

It's time for Congress to send Secretary Norton and the White House a clear message that they can't ignore—the assaults on our public lands and wilderness must stop. Let's ensure that our publicly owned lands throughout the West—including Utah's unique public lands—are protected for future generations of Americans. Support the Udall amendment and oppose the Taylor substitute.

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the success of the Bloomsburg University Upward Bound Program, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Saturday, July 26th.

To celebrate this important milestone, the Bloomsburg University Upward Bound Program will hold a reunion with many of its graduates this Saturday, July 26th. Five years ago I spoke to this group on its twentieth anniversary, and I wish all of my colleagues could have witnessed the stories from graduates who told what the program meant to them and how it changed their lives. Most of all, I was impressed with the human connections that promising but struggling high school students found in the leaders of the Upward Bound Program. They found mentors who could start them on the path to success for life, and this is a wonderful and remarkable achievement.

Led by two outstanding women, Ruth Anne Bond and Maureen Mulligan, the Bloomsburg University Upward Bound Program has, over the last 25 years, fulfilled a vital role in the Bloomsburg community. The program gives young people opportunities and assistance in exploring their potential for academic, social and personal growth. Its purpose is to provide equal access to post-secondary education for high school students by giving them adequate preparation to compete at the college level and beyond.

Students are provided with developmental work in areas where they need help, enrichment where they are strong, and exposure to new areas where they have yet to be challenged. Through tutoring for academic improvement, counseling to address career and personal matters, guidance on the college admissions and financial aid processes and training in test-taking skills, students gain the confidence and skills needed to succeed.

The program consists of three parts, the Academic Year Program, the Summer Program and the Bridge Program. During the

school year, the program operates ten service centers, with an emphasis on tutoring, assistance with college and financial aid planning, local and national test preparation, cultural activities, and personal and academic counseling. The six-week summer residential program at Bloomsburg University provides intensive academic preparation, enrichment, career and college counseling, cultural experiences and personal and social growth opportunities. The Bridge program is another summer residential program for students between high-school graduation and the first year at college. The program allows them to obtain up to six college credits from Bloomsburg University and also offers participants advice and preparation for excelling in their upcoming freshmen year.

The Bloomsburg University Upward Bound program has an indisputable record of success, with 88% of its high school graduates going on to post-secondary educational institutions and a 72% retention rate at those institutions.

Mr. Speaker, just a small federal investment has allowed Upward Bound to change the lives of countless young people. I am especially proud of the success of the Bloomsburg University program, and I wish everyone associated with it all the best.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE WILKIE D. FERGUSON JR.

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a dear friend, the late Honorable Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr., who passed away on Monday, June 9, 2003. The passing of Wilkie Ferguson is a great loss to our country's pursuit of justice and the rights of the oppressed. As a state and then federal judge, he applied the law justly and ensured that the less powerful members of society received fair treatment under the law.

Wilkie Ferguson pursued social justice in the U.S. legal system from the outset of his legal career, back in 1968. He was appointed to his first judgeship, on the Florida Court of Industrial Claims, in 1973. Four years later he was named to the circuit bench. One of his most important rulings came in the 1980 Circuit Court decision in which he threw out a verdict because African Americans were excluded from the jury. He was the first judge to find such systematic exclusion unacceptable and the Florida Supreme Court later supported his decision. It is appalling that such racial inequity exists in our judicial system and in our country, and Wilkie Ferguson was the first judge to recognize and correct this particular injustice in our legal system.

In 1980, Wilkie was appointed by then Governor BOB GRAHAM to Florida's Third District Court of Appeal, where he served until 1993. He was the first African American appointed to the Miami-Dade Circuit Court and to the Third District Court of Appeal. This enormous achievement shows how, in addition to paving the way for others through his work from the bench, he was also a living example of the

pioneering path of equality and progress that he laid for all Americans.

In 1993, Wilkie Ferguson was nominated by President Clinton to be a U.S. District Judge, becoming the third African American appointed to the federal bench in Southern Florida. He is credited with helping thousands of disabled Floridians; in 1996 he prevented the state from cutting funding for the disabled, and in another 1996 ruling he influenced the state to eventually increase funding for the disabled by nearly \$300 million.

Judge Ferguson was also active in community service. In addition to chairing the board of trustees of Florida Memorial College, he participated in the Judicial Council of the National Bar and the "Just The Beginning Foundation". He and his wife, County Commissioner Betty Tucker Ferguson, were also leaders in their local community.

Wilkie Ferguson's successes are numerous and vital, but he will be remembered for how he reached these goals as much as for the accomplishments themselves. The values of the supreme dignity and worth of every human being were not just abstract ends that he pursued through judicial decisions; they were also manifest in the respect and sensitivity with which he treated others. When a plaintiff needed to care for his disabled son, Judge Ferguson offered the use of his judicial chambers. In an article last week in the South Florida Sun Sentinel, attorney Joel Hirschhorn noted, "Even in the worst criminal defendant, I think he saw the human side."

Daniel Pearson, a former appeals judge, expressed that Ferguson "added a dimension of fairness and humanity to the court." Judge Ferguson, who is survived by his wife, two children and three siblings, was also an extremely hard and dedicated worker, an exceedingly modest man and a good friend. His compassion and great judicial accomplishments will be missed by all.

TRIBUTE TO WELLINGTON E. WEBB, MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2003

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the exceptional accomplishments of a prominent citizen in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado. It is both fitting and proper that we recognize this distinguished public servant for his impressive record of civic leadership and invaluable service. It is to commend this eminent citizen that I rise to honor Wellington E. Webb, Mayor of the City & County of Denver.

Mayor Webb has been on the front lines of progress for decades and has proven to be a powerful force in transforming the landscape of our city. His career in public service began in 1972 when he was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives representing north-east Denver. In 1977, he was selected by then President Jimmy Carter to serve as Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In 1981, then Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm appointed him to his cabinet as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies and in 1987, he was elected Denver City Auditor.

In 1991, Wellington Webb was elected mayor of Denver and is the first African American to hold this office. He led our city through an era that has been characterized as a time of vision, energy, progress and economic transformation. Under his leadership, Denver's open space has increased by approximately fifty percent. Denver's economic turnaround during the 1990's is considered a national model. Mayor Webb's commitment to children and education spurred city investment into initiatives including the Safe City Program and the Summer Youth Employment Program. He stood up to violence in our community on numerous occasions and continually affirmed tolerance as an essential civic value. Mayor Webb has brought a passion for the Arts dedicating both time and resources to making our city a leading cultural center. He implemented some of the nation's most progressive historic preservation policies and our city has witnessed the economic benefits resulting from the preservation of Denver's historic core.

During his tenure, Mayor Webb led successful ballot initiatives to enhance our economic vitality and quality of life including expansion of the Colorado Convention Center and the Denver Zoo, renovation of the Quigg Newton Auditorium and construction of the Pepsi Center and INVESCO Field at Mile High. The expansion of the Denver Central Public Library and construction of the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library and the Webb Municipal Building are also to his credit. Additionally, Mayor Webb promoted the redevelopment of the former Stapleton Airport and Lowry Air Force Base sites—two of the largest in-fill projects in the country—as well as guided the transformation of Central Platte Valley.

During his tenure, Denver International Airport established a reputation as one of the best run airports in the world which has enhanced the ability of existing firms to do business internationally and contributes to the region's ability to attract new businesses on a global scale. Mayor Webb led trade missions to China, Africa, Mexico and Europe to encourage investment and business development between nations. Under his leadership, Denver hosted World Youth Day with Pope John Paul II and hosted President Clinton and other world leaders for the Denver Summit of the Eight, an event that helped to put Denver on the global map.

Mayor Webb has held several prominent national positions including most recently, President of the United States Conference of Mayors. Magazines including Newsweek, Fortune and Ebony have recognized him as one of our nation's most influential civic leaders. He continues to collaborate closely with his wife, former six-term Colorado State Representative, Wilma J. Webb. As Denver's First Lady, she has worked on various issues impacting our youth and families. She previously served as the Secretary's Representatives for Region VIII of the U.S. Department of Labor and has chaired various governmental groups, represented the city at public and private meetings and hosted national and international dignitaries.

Wellington Webb's tenure as Mayor of the City and County of Denver is quickly drawing to a close. He has worked to preserve and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods' and has been the catalyst for major civic enterprises and economic development undertakings in our city. The success Denver has enjoyed in recent years has been due, in large measure, to Mayor Webb's efforts in culti-

vating a shared vision and promoting inclusion. His leadership has been exemplary and his contributions are rich in consequence. On behalf of the citizens of the 1st Congressional District, I wish to express our gratitude and look forward to his continued involvement in our civic life.

Please join me in commending Mayor Wellington E. Webb, a distinguished public servant. It is the strong leadership he exhibits on a daily basis which continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2003

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my district, I was unable to vote during rollcall vote No. 396. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE LIFE OF CARL MCLLOY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2003

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Carl McLlroy and all he has done for this Nation and East Vincent Township.

Carl McLlroy, a veteran of the Korean War, dedicated much of his life ensuring that the history of our Nation and our community was displayed in a manner we could all be proud of. As chairman of the East Vincent Historical Commission, Carl initiated efforts to restore a burial plot of 22 Revolutionary War soldiers, which is now known in our community as the Revolutionary Soldiers Cemetery. He spent countless hours manicuring, grooming, placing flags and planting flowers. Under his careful watch, a sign was placed above its entrance, a flagpole was erected and a wall was refurbished, all with Carl doing much of the work himself. He labored long and hard to turn this neglected treasure into a shrine that truly embraces the importance of the cause for which these soldiers died. Each year during Independence Day, our community gathers at the historic cemetery to honor the 22 soldiers that are buried there and celebrate the freedoms for which they fought.

On July 4, 2003, Carl McLlroy was honored with the 22 soldiers at the Revolutionary Soldiers Cemetery and a plaque was unveiled that pays special tribute to him and all of his efforts. I ask that my colleagues join me today in celebrating the life and achievements of Mr. McLlroy. He was an exemplary citizen and a faithful patriot and he will truly be missed.

HONORING THE D.C. REDWINGS YOUTH PROGRAM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2003

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the D.C. Redwings Youth Program for its ex-

traordinary contributions to this Community as well as to inner city children. In only five short years, the D.C. Redwings have produced many of the Nation's top young athletes in the realm of track and field while preparing these youths for a more successful, rewarding life.

Although this program is primarily a sports-based organization, it also encourages youths to focus on education, community service and cultural awareness. Off the track, members are required to attend study hall and participate in various community outreach projects. The Redwings Program uses track and field as well as cross-country running as a vehicle to teach discipline, goal-setting and teamwork for youths, many of whom would be considered "at risk." Furthermore, the team incorporates book clubs, SAT preparation courses and academic enrichment classes in order to develop well-rounded students and encourage further education.

Since its founding, D.C. Redwings Youth Program has produced many junior Olympians, nationally ranked athletes, and All-American runners while fostering an invaluable sense of success and accomplishment in all aspects of their lives. An impressive thirty-eight athletes qualified and competed in the AAU Track and Field Junior Olympics this year alone. The team's success has generated numerous national titles and has turned this relatively small team into one with great promise. The talented athletes repeatedly surpass the expectations of both supporters and competitors.

This season has yielded less than ideal circumstances due to both weather and security, but these conditions clearly illustrate the team's commitment and determination for the sport. After study hall, these youngsters would train in freezing temperatures, pouring rain and a foot of snow. Even during weeks of police-supervised practice and the hunt for D.C.'s serial sniper, when all other athletic and extracurricular activities were discontinued, the Redwings carried on with practice as usual. All throughout this ordeal, the team persistently demonstrated their passion, and their commitment set them apart from the rest.

Mr. Speaker, the D.C. Redwing Youth Program has quickly established itself as one of the most respectable organizations for inner city children. Their track and field team as well as their cross country team command national respect for their talent and enthusiasm. Moreover, the Redwings remain the only independent youth track team in D.C., and we should be proud to have them represent our city. The organization's head coach and founder, Mr. Desmond L. Dunham, deserves our deepest thanks for his dedication to these athletes' future. It is my honor to recognize the Redwings for their unrelenting commitment in improving so many lives.

HONORING THE GREATER RACINE AREA

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2003

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 230, which honors the ten communities that received the National Civic League's All-America City